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Attn: Mr Pekka Pesonen,

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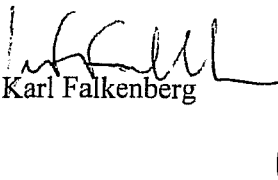
**Subject: your letter dated 23 October 2014 on future EU initiative to prevent
net losses of biodiversity and ecosystem services
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Dear Mr Pesonen,

Thank you for your letter dated 23 October. The Commission's on-line consultation on a future EU no net loss initiative served to collect stakeholders' views on a broad range of issues related to no net loss of biodiversity. I am pleased to see that so many used this opportunity to express their opinions and I also welcome Copa-Cogeca's contribution on this important topic. Trust me that DG ENV is keenly aware of the many pressures on the availability of agricultural land.

DG Environment will evaluate all the contributions received and take them into account when deciding on the further actions to be taken at EU level to achieve no net loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Yours sincerely,


Karl Falkenberg